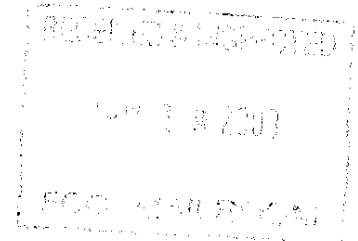


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Re. ET Docket No. 03-104:

I am writing to you in regard to the Broadband Over Power Line deployment proposal. I have serious objections. I have become aware of test results Europe and Japan that indicate this would effectively ruin high frequency broadcasting reception within my home whether I desire this intrusion to my property, or not. I know that theoretically such interference would be limited under Part 15 of the FCC rules,

but Part 15 has not prevented my neighbors home security system from flooding my house with RF noise over both power and telephone lines.

I find this proposal to be part of a very real, very disturbing trend effectively limiting citizen's access to *genuinly* diverse sources of infomation. The increased crowding of the AM radio band since the 1970's has decreased the availability of out of town domestic radio signals. Deregulation of radio station ownership has led to a situation in Peoria where we now have only one station with a news staff (WCBU/ NPR),

and only one locally owned commercial, nonreligious station (WOAM 1350 KHZ) out of 18 radio stations! The recent deregulation of TV ownership will probably eventually cause the demise of local news on the ABC outlet, due to market pressure. Peoria curretly has 1) newspaper, 1) radio station, 4) TV stations for free access to news and information. High frequency broadcasting currently provides over 80 *english* language broadcasts *easily and regularly* received in Peoria plus innumerable foreign language and irregularly received stations.

I do not subscribe to cable TV (why pay money just to watch television?) ; I am not connected to the internet (books and periodicals have always provided me more detailed, in depth information which has always been as timely as the net). I purchased my shortwave radio receiver in

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1983 for \$300, it continues to serve me well at the cost of several pennies worth of electricity per week. The mediocre, redundant, and usually worthless (2 shopping channels?) fare on cable TV would have cost me @ \$9600 over the same period. Internet access for the next twenty years, barring *any* price increase, would cost @ \$7200. On my janitor's salary of \$17,062 per year the money would be better spent feeding my children.

Access to the many sources of news, entertainment, and information available to Americans on the high frequency bands has been a *right* enjoyed by the citizens of this country for 3/4 of a century. Whether it was the Germans and Japanese during WWII, the Russians and Chinese during the cold war, or Iraq this year, the U.S. government made no attempt to restrict a Americans *right* to listen to their broadcasts.

The argument has been made that this will increase a citizen's access to information. This actually result in Americans having to *pay* for a net *decrease* in diversity of information sources. My local polling place is located 1/8 mile from my home. My wife and I walk there to vote in every election. Would you close it down because it would be easier for me to pay for an internet connection and vote online?

As to this not causing serious interference, The National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters has gone on record opposing this proposal. If they did not think it would cause major problems for their audience, they would probably view this a chance to increase their listenership through improved audiostreaming on web sites and better access to program archives. Instead, after reviewing all available test results they conclude BPL would "... make the HF bands totally useless from a listener's standpoint." (Jeff White, President NASB, NASWA Journal, June 2003)

In conclusion, I respectfully implore you not to destroy my and many other Americans right to a free source of information and entertainment to merely enhance something that is already and will remain available to those willing and able to pay for it.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Gilman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Gilman" clearly distinguishable.

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